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MOUNT AIRY CLAY BREAKERS GARDEN CLUB
UPPER MARLBOROUGH, MARYLAND

The regular meeting of Mt. Airy Clay Breakers Garden Club was held on February 13, 1986, at the home of Ester Neckere. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved as amended.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance brought forward - \$ 315.05;
Deposit in Transit - \$ ~~20.00~~ 30.40; Balance today - \$ 345.45.

FEDERATION DELEGATE: Ann Williams reported that the money raiser for District I will be held at Andrews AFB on March 24, 1986. There will be a luncheon and fashion show and the cost is \$ 15.00 each. Everyone is urged to attend and support District I. Also District I will present a Standard Flower Show in the auditorium of the Arboretum on September 27 and 28, 1986. This show will be evaluated and may be eligible for a National Award.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: JoAnn announced the Georgetown Garden Tour, to be held on April 19 from 10 'til 5. Eleven gardens can be seen. This is to benefit Georgetown Children's Home. Cost is \$ 8.50 in advance; \$ 10.00 after April 12.

FLOWER SHOW: Anne DeBoeser asked for chairmanships to be filled for the May 10, 1986, Standard Flower Show to be entitled, "ADVENTURE". Each member is expected to have at least one exhibit in each division - HORTICULTURE AND DESIGN. Ester Neckere will do the Educational Exhibit.

NEW BUSINESS: It was suggested that former member Dotty Singleton, who moved to North Carolina, be invited to our social functions this year. Ann Williams will take care of this.

MT. AIRY PLAINTATION: We decided to wait until the ground dries before having our luncheon at Mt. Airy. A date will be decided later.

SUNSHINE: Elaine Arnold will take a sunshine gift to Betty Abercrombie, who is suffering from a back injury.

PROGRAM: Member Joyce Meyer, who works as a Landscape Designer, presented a program on selecting and preparing specimens for a Flower Show. She gave pointers on grooming, conditioning and transporting specimens. She emphasized the importance of using the correct genus and cultivar, as well as the common name, to identify the specimen. A mild solution of Epson Salts sprayed onto the branch of the plant you plan to exhibit starting two weeks in advance and continuing every few days will enhance the color and good looks of the specimen. Save your green beer and wine bottles for exhibiting containers.

WAYS AND MEANS: Marie White conducted an auction of flower containers and other garden related items. Much bidding went on. Items not sold will be held over for the spring sale.

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Ester Neckere hosted a refreshment table which she had decorated in the Valentine motif, using a clay duck container for the centerpiece with red, pink and white carnations. A raffle was held and two gifts were given.

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Acting Recording Secretary
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